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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine
know me, just as the
Father knows me and I
know the Father; and I will
lay down my life for the
sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1978 CCD

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

- Father John Muir



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. / 5:00 p.m. starting on May 4th
Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. starting on May 4th

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-9553) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20 — 21, 2024

Ushers Group III

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Andrew Carpenter requested by Richard Carpenter

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
 No Evening Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 22 — No MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 — No MASS

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in the church
 New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Rosary after Mass

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP (in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Marjorie requested by her family
 Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Ushers Group IV

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 11:30A.M.
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
 LAST SESSION (Parents and Students)
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours



**ON MAY 4TH THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL GO BACK TO 5PM
 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE FROM 4:00PM TO 4:45PM**

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Sudip, Mark Angie,

Donna, Alissa, Mary.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



TAG SALE AT THE PARISH CENTER, MAY 4TH

The Knights of Columbus will be participating in the town-wide tag sale on Saturday, May 4. The Knights will have items for sale inside Ryba Hall at the Parish Center. **Breakfast and lunch items will be offered**

for sale. Parishioners who have items they wish to part with may secure a table for a nominal donation to the Knights. All proceeds will benefit local charities.

Deadline for participation is Sunday, April 28.

Contact Michael Harney at 860-209-9367 for information.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Come join in praying a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations led by Bishop Cote.

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH 6:00PM — 7:00PM
St. MAURICE CHURCH

These hours of adoration are a wonderful opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, to pray for our seminarians, and for our priests and religious already serving our diocese.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 14 — \$2,929

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

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Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
2024 PARISH MISSION

Three Nights with Jesus

Sunday, April 21st
Monday, April 22nd
Tuesday, April 23rd
7:00pm-8:00pm
St. Bernard Church

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE AND COME CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH THE MASS, HIS LOVE, AND HIS HEALING.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST - SHARING A MEAL WITH JESUS
Presented by: Fr. Larry, Fr. Steve, Dcn. Mike, & Dcn. Ron

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND - CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS
Presented by Allison Gingras

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD - HEALED BY JESUS
Presented by: Fr. Rick
IF YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS, WE INVITE YOU TO ALSO JOIN US EACH NIGHT FOR:

Adoration & Benediction starting at 6:00pm
Fellowship & Follow up starting at 8:00pm



For more information, scan the QR code or go to blessedsacramentct.org

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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.

Date: Sunday, April 28th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

St. Bernard Women's Guild Summer Fun Potluck

All St. Matt's & St. Maurice's Women are invited!
Tuesday, May 7, 5:30pm, St. Bernard Church Hall
Dress for summer, enjoy summer hors d'oeuvres, games, & an ice cream sundae bar.

Disposable plates of finger food appreciated.
RSVP by May 1 to Pat at PCardin25@yahoo.com or Lynn at lynnobrien57@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday, April 28th

9 am: Last Faith Formation Session
(Parents and Students)

Sunday, May 5th

9 - 9:45 am: Practice for First Communion in the Church
Saturday, May 11th

10 am: Special mass for the Celebrants of First Holy Eucharist
Saturday, May 18th

11 am: Confirmation at Saint Bernard church in Rockville



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2024 ACA update: As of April 11, 2024, Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton has donated \$6,811.69 or 54.30% of its goal, and 17.68% of your parishioners have donated. We are

striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Bereavement Support for Mothers ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a day of support, reflection, and loving remembrance of 'A Child Who Was to Be,' a time of prayer and support for mothers who have lost a child to an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death on **Saturday, May 4** from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, 52 West Town St, Norwichtown. There is no fee, but registration is required by April 26. A light lunch will be included.

To register contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo!

Bingo will take place on Sunday, April 21st from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

The St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle is back and this year the prizes are even BIGGER prizes! The funds we raise with this event allow us to continue to do what we love and provide our patrons and surrounding communities the kindness, hope, and support they need. Tickets are on sale now through the end of April.

A winner will be chosen daily during the Month of May.

St Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle

31 Chances for 31 Prizes

Each daily prize has a \$100 minimum value

Gift cards to shops, restaurants, activities

Go to svdpp.org/Raffle for more information or scan the QR code below

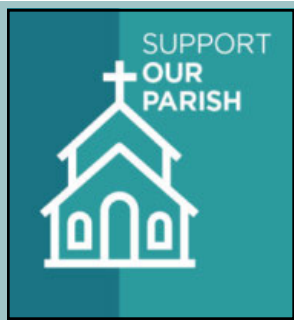
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Svdpp.org/raffle

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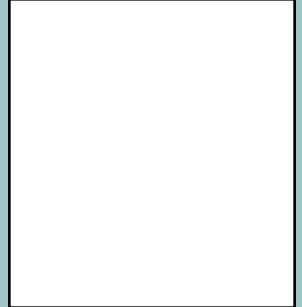
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